

House Resolution 603

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd, Randall of the 138th, Epps of the 140th, Peake of the 137th, Sellier of the 136th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Frank Fields on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Fields has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his service throughout the years with the Department of Corrections, as
9 Director of Program Development for the Dublin Community Mental Health Center, and his
10 administration of private, nonprofit alcohol and drug treatment hospitals in Georgia and
11 Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1994, Mr. Fields accepted the position as Executive Director of River Edge
13 Behavioral Health Center and, under his leadership and guidance, the facility has
14 accomplished amazing achievements; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the hospital has partnered with local Department of Children
16 and Family Services and law enforcement offices for Project Connect, which has served
17 nearly 1,000 chemically dependent women and resulted in the birth of more than 200 drug
18 free babies; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Fields was instrumental in the facility's creation of Training for Success,
20 a program that provides services for individuals with behaviors too dangerous to participate
21 in traditional community services and who were previously hospitalized in state hospitals;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, under his administration, River Edge earned the state contract to expand its core
24 services to Baldwin, Putnam, and Wilkinson counties and earned national recognition with
25 a cover story in *Behavioral Health* magazine for the facility's innovative electronic record
26 keeping; and

27 WHEREAS, before his retirement on January 30, 2009, Mr. Fields was awarded the Georgia
28 Behavioral Health Services Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors individuals whose
29 long-term investments have made superior and lasting differences in the mental health
30 services field; and

31 WHEREAS, this devoted advocate plans to enjoy his well-deserved retirement spending time
32 with his loving wife, Janet, his children, Brad and Jenny, and his delightful new grandson,
33 William; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable, compassionate, and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Mr. Frank Fields for his efficient, faithful, unselfish, and
38 dedicated public service to those with mental illnesses, chemical dependencies, and
39 developmental disabilities; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and
40 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Frank Fields.